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AC&C: A World Class Organization! By Ed Boks



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"Maricopa County is pioneering a whole new way of looking at animal control. The concept is wonderful, and I hope it catches on."

Lorraine Moule President National Animal Control Association



Across the United States, Maricopa County Animal Care & Control is being described as a "world class" program. Some take issue with this description. Recently, AC&C took part in a *Best Friends* on-line discussion forum. As a result of a weeklong interchange with individuals from around the country the descriptor "world class" organization was assigned by many. One individual, however, that took exception to this portrayal had this to say:

"I don't think an organization that still puts down animals should be called "World Class." My opinion is not a personal attack on AC&C. I think Maricopa County has a tough situation and a lot of people/groups are working to make a difference and we can see improvement. But, I think World Class should be saved for those organizations that have successfully transitioned from a "kill" shelter to a "no-kill" shelter. I know Maricopa County is working towards this goal and when they get there, I will have no problem stating they are World Class."

AC&C is clearly well on its way to achieving this goal, and I have to take exception to the view we are not worthy of the title "world class." If not AC&C, who?

With all due respect to our "no-kill" partners, it is easy to transition a facility into a no-kill organization. All you have to do is refuse to take in animals. All you have to say is, "No, we won't take your animal."

There is a big difference between transitioning a 30,000 square foot shelter into a "no-kill" facility and transitioning a 9,200 square mile county into a no-kill community.

did this through a host of aggressive spay/neuter and adoption programs. AC&C provides low or no cost spay/neuter services to the pets of hundreds of families in need

AC&C does not have the luxury of refusing animals in need. We rescue 62,000 animals a year. We refuse no one. We are the true rescuers. "Rescue" organizations play the vital role of expanding our placement options. In effect, the animals are rescued long before they ever make contact with a rescue organization.

AC&C collaborates with nearly 60 rescue organizations. These organizations adopt anywhere from one to 1200 animals annually from AC&C. They can guarantee a home to the animals they adopt from us because they have the luxury of time and space on their side.

AC&C has truly earned the title "world class" because the AC&C team is the best animal welfare team in the world!

Consider these facts:

AC&C finds homes for over 21,000 pets annually, more than any pet adoption agency in the world. AC&C places 3,500 animals annually through its *New Hope program* that partners with 60 rescue organizations. AC&C returns 12,000 lost pets to their frantic owners annually. AC&C reduced our community's euthanasia rate to an all time low of 9 pets per 1000 residents compared to 30 pets per 1000 residents just a decade ago, and we

gressive spay/neuter and adoption programs. AC&C provides low or no cost spay/ neuter services to the pets of hundreds of families in need through its Big Fix program. AC&C helps hundreds of pets and people stay together through its Project Safety Net. AC&C provides the only humane, non-lethal solution to our community's feral cat problem through its *Operation* FELIX. And AC&C does all of this while rescuing, sheltering, and caring for 150 to 200 new animals each and every day!

To me, world class means to get out of the comfortable "no-kill" bunkers and into the trenches where the real war against pet euthanasia is being fought and won every day.

Yes, animals are euthanized at AC&C. AC&C may not have achieved no-kill yet, but AC&C has been absolutely instrumental in advancing the no-kill initiative in Maricopa County, and indeed, in the United States.

I extend an invitation to anyone interested in ending the killing of pets in Maricopa County to become better acquainted with the real world of animal rescue. You can do that by joining the AC&C Volunteer program where the difference you make is the difference between life and death. Call 602-506-8133 for more information. •

2002 Stats Show AC&C Continues World Class Performance

Babe Ruth once said, "It ain't bragging if you can do it!" And AC&C demonstrates year in and year out that we "can do it!" In fact, AC&C is committed to doing it! AC&C will continue to increase adoptions, decrease euthanasias, and find ways to reunite and keep pets and people together.

In 2002, AC&C adopted more than 21,000 pets into loving homes. That's more pet adoptions in a single year than AC&C has ever been responsible for before, and it is more pet adoptions than any other pet adoption agency anywhere in the world!

Pet euthanasia is at an all time low, down to 9 pets per one thousand residents, down from nearly 30 pets just a decade ago. Only 27,800 pets were euthanized in 2002. Still too many to be sure, but this is the first time in AC&C history that fewer than 31,000 pets were euthanized in a single year. These numbers demonstrate that AC&C's aggressive animal welfare programs are working. Programs like Big Fix, Safety Net, STAR, FELIX, No E Below the Knee, Plus One/Minus One, and so many others!

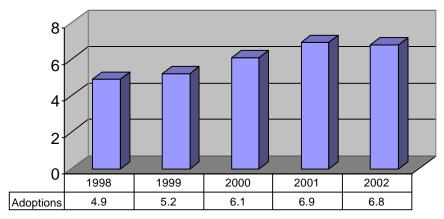
AC&C programs are having a dramatic impact on the number of homeless pets in our community. In 2002 the number of pets rescued by AC&C was down to only 57,000. This is the first time in decades that fewer than 61,000 pets were rescued by AC&C in a single year. This number suggests the beginning of an exciting trend and should serve to embolden all our combined community efforts to continue to promote aggressive spay/neuter and Safety Net programs and education initiatives.

Another area where AC&C provides world class service, an area that often goes unrecognized, is our ability to return over 12,000 lost pets to their frantic owners each and every year. Imagine the trauma you would experience if you lost your beloved pet. Now imagine the joy you should feel when an Animal Care Officer pulls up in front of your home with your little guy on board.

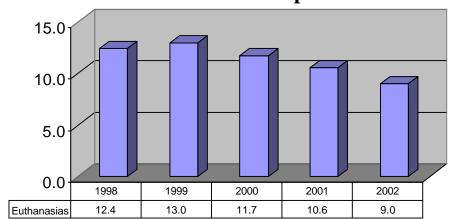
Next time you see an Animal Care Officer, thank him or her for providing these wonderful, humane services and for making Maricopa County Animal Care & Control the national model program that it is today!



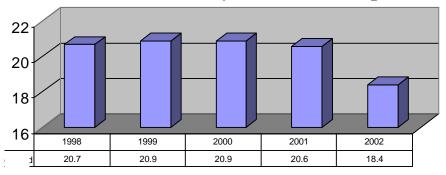
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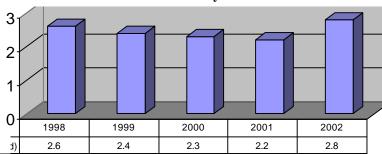
Euthanasia Per Capita



Animals Rescued by AC&C Per Capita



Lost Pets Found and Returned by AC&C to Pet Guardians



Call me crazy... By Mary Martin, Director of Shelter Medicine

Call me crazy, but I can hardly believe the story you are about to read, but it is, nonetheless, the complete, unvarnished truth.

I have three dogs, Sadie, Maude and Sage. Sadie and Sage are Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Maude is a Weimaraner. From time to time Sadie and Sage would tear into Maude. At first, the attacks were minor and I chalked them up to sibling rivalry and setting boundaries. As time went on, however, the attacks escalated in severity and frequency. It got to the point where I thought I would have to find another home laugh out loud at what seemed for Maude.

Her life had deteriorated into a series of grace periods punctuated by attacks, trips to the veterinarian, and the next 50 stitches she was going to have to endure.

At AC&C we strive to keep pets with their families through a program called Project Safety Net. One aspect of this program helps owners to deal constructively with pets with behavior problems. So, I was referred to an animal behaviorist.

I had little hope my problem

could be resolved, but I made the call anyway. The behaviorist returned my call within 24 hours. I explained the situation and without hesitation she told me to go to the nearest pet supply store and buy one of those wide spiked leather collars - like the ones you see on bulldogs in cartoons.

She said the collar would give Maude "status." When the dogs tried to bully her, she explained, they would get poked by the collar. This, she said, would cause them pause to reconsider their behavior. I couldn't help but such ridiculous advice.

Despite my doubts, I purchased a formidable-looking collar for \$45 and put it on Maude. Within a very few minutes she began to behave differently. Within days her head and her tail were up and she was no longer cowering from Sadie and Sage. This was 3 months ago, and there has not been a hint of aggression from anyone. Prior to the collar Maude was attacked about every 2 weeks.

Now, here is where the story really gets interesting. About 3

weeks into Maud's therapy, Sadie began to act submissive, even pained. She started cowering and showed little interest in playing ball, which was her life's passion.

I took her to the veterinarian where every possible test was run-- full body x-rays, full body ultrasound, blood tests for valley fever, tick fever, meningitis. We found nothing. Sadie just wasn't herself.

My mom, who was visiting, suggested I get Sadie a flashy new collar and see what happened. So I did--a bright red one with sparkling faux diamonds. I thought Mom's theory was equivalent to wash your car when the engine light comes on; but anything was worth a try.

Well, believe it or not, the sparkling red collar made Sadie's day. She is now running and playing normally. Don't ask me to explain this and as a disclaimer I must insist you consult a professional before diagnosing your dog's problem as collar envy, but peace has returned to our humble home and I have learned my first lesson for 2003. •

 $\mathbf{W}_{\text{hatever}}$ creativity is, it is in part a solution to a problem.

~ Brian Aldiss ~

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do." Henry Ford

Dogs Found to be Descended From Asian Wolves

By Sherry Morse

Researchers working at the Royal Institute of Technology (RIT) in Stockholm, Sweden recently discovered that all dogs are descended from wolves that lived in East Asia approximately 15,000 years ago.

The researchers, who conducted a four-year study of mitochondrial deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) of a large number of dogs and wolves, discovered that although all dogs originated from the same "genetic pool," there is more genetic variation among dogs in China, Cam-

bodia, Thailand, Tibet, Korea and Japan than among those in western Asia, Europe, Africa or the Americas.

"This makes it probable that dogs originated in East Asia and spread all over the world," said RIT evolutionary biologist Dr. Peter Savolainen, who participated in conducting the study.

The researchers found that dogs are descended from at least five different female wolves, but concluded that the DNA of the wolves was similar enough to

suggest that the animals were members of the same popula-

Among the dogs that most resemble their ancestors are greyhounds, dingoes and Mexicans hairless.

Most dogs have a far different appearance because of the breeding for specific purposes that took place in post-medieval Europe.

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Dingoes most resemble the ancient Asian Wolf

Very nice article in the January/February issue of "Best Friends" magazine, a complete explanation of AC&C's philosophy.

2002 Goals Achieved, but AC&C is just getting started...

One of Maricopa County's strategic goals for 2002 was to secure a Maddie's grant or other resources to begin a five-year process toward a "no kill" community of adoptable companion animals in the county. Here is how we're doing:

Accomplished: Maddie's Fund awarded \$556,000 to support the first year of a concurrently running Maddie's Pet Rescue and Maddie's Spay/Neuter Project to end the killing of healthy shelter dogs and cats in Maricopa County within five years. As goals are achieved, Maddie's Fund could provide Maricopa County's Maddie's Projects with as much as \$6 million.

AC&C is currently seeking funding for three other programs designed to help transform Maricopa County into the first regional no-kill community in the United States.

The first program is Operation FELIX, the feral cat program recognized by the Board of Supervisors on September 18, 2002 as the only viable, humane, non-lethal method to resolve our community's feral cat problems. Operation FELIX can serve as a pilot program to be replicated nationally.

sideration is a network of kiosks that will link all the shelters and rescue organizations in Maricopa County. This network will post all the lost and adoptable animals on an internet site and on kiosks in every shelter and other strategic locations throughout the County. The program will provide several efficiencies making return of lost pets easier and placement of adoptable pets more effective.

AC&C is placing over 3,500 animals annually through its New Hope Program with no outside funding. The first year Maddie's Coalition goal in Maricopa County is to adopt 1.100 animals at a cost to Maddie's of \$375,000. AC&C is focused on a variety of low cost, yet efficient methods to adopt out animals.

AC&C is also seeking a grant to fund a county wide distemper vaccination program designed after the public health vaccination model. It is hoped this program will help eradicate distemper in Maricopa County. Maricopa County is currently experiencing a distemper epidemic. This program will also serve as a national model.

The second program under con- A \$90,000 grant was recently awarded to AC&C for the purchase of a mobile spay/neuter vehicle called the Maricopa County Neuter Scooter. This vehicle will provide low and/or no cost spay/neuter services to the areas of our communities where there are no or limited veterinary services or residents are unable to afford such services. The vehicle will be taken into areas where AC&C has tracked a growing problem with unwanted dogs and cats.

> As a result of several progressive programs initiated by AC&C over the past few years, Maricopa County has become the number one pet adoption agency in the world, adopting 21,023 pets in 2002. This is nearly 7 pets per 1000 residents.

Maricopa County's pet euthanasia rate dropped from 10.6 pets per 1000 residents in 2001 to 9 pets in 2002. This translates to 27,800 pets euthanized in 2002, the lowest number in AC&C's history and the first time ever fewer than 31,000 pets were euthanized in a one year period. Maricopa County was euthanizing nearly 30 pets per 1000 residents a decade ago. •



Dear Ed:

My wife Brenda (an internal auditor for the City of Phoenix) and I met you while hiking Squaw Peak a few years ago. I believe it wasn't too long after you had taken over at AC&C.

At the time, you modestly mentioned some ideas for turning around the county program. As long-term supporters of the Arizona Humane Society, we were

encouraged to hear your positive ideas, but frankly didn't hold out much hope for AC&C becoming much more than a "dog pound".

Boy am I glad to have been this surprised. I just read the January Newsletter and I am so impressed with what you have accomplished! I am so proud to be a citizen of Maricopa

County! To be a national role model like this, and to have been willing to take the huge risks associated with implementing these changes is very commendable.

Keep up the wonderful work, and please don't ever leave us.

> David Levin City of Phoenix resident

I found your dog in the desert today...

No, he was not adopted by anyone. Most of us who live out here in the desert own as many dogs as we want. Those who do not own dogs do so because they choose not to.

I know you hoped he would find a good home when you left him out here, but he did not.

When I first saw him he was miles from the nearest house and he was alone, thirsty, thin, and limping from a burr on his paw.

How I wish I could have been you as I stood before him. To see his tale wag and his eyes brighten as he bounded into your arms, knowing you would find him, knowing you had not forgotten him. To see the forgiveness in his eyes for the suffering and pain he had known in his never-ending quest to find you. But, I was not you and despite all my persuasion his eyes saw a stranger he did not trust. He would not come. He turned and continued his journey - one he was sure would bring him to you.

He does not understand you are not looking for him. He only knows you are out there. He only knows he must find you. This is more important than food or water or the stranger who can give him these

things. Persuasion and pursuit seemed futile.

I did not even know his name. I drove home, filled a bucket with water and a bowl with food and returned I began pursuit in the direction he to where we had met. I could see no sign of him, but I left my offering under the tree where he had sought shelter from the sun and a chance to rest. You see, he is not of the wild. When you domesticated him you took away any instinct of survival out there.

His purpose demands that he travel during the day. He doesn't know that the sun and the heat will claim his life. He only knows that he has to find you.

I waited hoping he would return to the tree, hoping my gift would build an element of trust so I might bring him home, remove the burr from his foot, give him a cool place to lie and help him understand that the part of his life with you is now over.

He did not return that morning and at dusk the water and food were still there untouched. And, I worried. You must understand that many people would not attempt to help your dog. Some would run him off. But I returned again before dark. I did not see him. I went again early the next

morning only to find the food and water still untouched. If only you were here to call his name. Your voice is so familiar to him.

had taken yesterday, doubt overshadowing my hope of finding him. His search for you was desperate. It could take him many miles in 24

It is hours later and a good distance from where we first met, but I found your dog. His thirst has stopped. It is no longer a torment to him. His hunger has disappeared. He no longer aches. The burrs in his paws bother him no more. Your dog is now free from his burdens.

You see, your dog has died.

I knelt next to him and I prayed you had been here yesterday so I could have seen the glow, if just for a moment, in those now vacant eyes.

I pray that his journey has taken him to that place I think you hoped he would find. If only you knew what he went through to reach it.

I agonize, for I know that were he to awaken at this moment and if I were to be you, his eyes would sparkle with recognition and his tail would wag with forgiveness. •

Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

- Mark Twain

INSURANCE COMPANIES DISCRIMINATE AGAINST DOGS!

Many homeowners across the United States are finding they are faced with the hardship of choosing between keeping a beloved family dog and obtaining homeowners' insurance simply because their dog belongs to a breed the insurance company has deemed unacceptable.

In California, the ASPCA is sponsoring legislation to prohibit such discrimination. The insurance companies do have alternatives. Dogs who are socialized, obedience trained, spayed or neutered, and are cared for by

responsible people are not likely to the breed of dog owned, should be involved in a bite incident. Insurance companies should evaluate the dog's temperament by utilizing tests such as the "Canine Good Citizen Test" administered by the American Kennel Club. Measurements of a dog's temperament can also be made by an animal behaviorist, behavior specialist, or recognized trainer, using proven and scientific methods.

This is a national prob-

lem! Therefore, anyone that has encountered difficulties in obtaining insurance, based solely upon

contact the ASPCA to tell them vour story. If you have a friend or relative that has been denied insurance on this basis, please let them know.

The dogs appreciate your help!! Please contact:

Jill Buckley Government Affairs & Public Policy Department, ASPCA, P.O. Box 48, Pismo Beach, CA 93448 or jillb@aspca.org •



I want to thank Ed Boks for participating in the No More Homeless Pets forum in January. His insight into the problems regarding companion animals is invaluable to the field. Thank you for answering questions and offering advice to others in the field of animal welfare. Sincerely, Lynne Slightom Springfield, IL

AC&C Announces "Plus One Program" and Unveils New

AC&C is leading the charge to transform our county into a nokill community. We will know when we have achieved this goal when there is a home for every pet and no pet is dieing for lack of a home.

At a gathering of people and pets on Thursday, February 6, 2003 AC&C announced their "Plus One Program" and unveiled a new awareness campaign designed to help us achieve our no-kill goal. The "Plus One Program" challenges AC&C staff to compare daily statistics to those of the same day the year before, and commit to placing one more animal, and euthanizing one less animal

every day.

Beginning this year, AC&C's Plus One-Adopt campaign will be visible on outdoor boards, in newspapers on television and in local supermarkets, and soon heard on the radio, thanks to the donation of resources by local companies including Riester~Robb Advertising and Public Relations, Clear Channel Outdoor, Prisma Graphic,

Bob Carev Photography and XL Graphics who made the campaign a reality.

"This public and private partnership among all of the companies involved, is the first of its type in Maricopa County and

sets precedence among animal shelters nation-wide," said Ed Boks, director of the AC&C. "In addition, we are really delighted to have found an advertising agency that is able to communicate our passion for animals in such a clever fashion."

"We created the Adopt campaign to be emotional, unforgettable and a call people to action," said Tim Riester, CEO of Riester~Robb. "Campaigns with limited media reach have to be unusual and extremely memorable to break through the advertising clutter."

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City Council Condemns Cat De-clawing by Amanda Ali

The West Hollywood, CA City Council has unanimously approved a resolution condemning cat de-clawing and will soon vote on legislation banning the practice.

If the ban is enacted, it would be the first of its kind to go into effect in the United States.

City Councilman John Duran. who has had the claws of sev-

eral of his cats removed, proposed the ban after learning that de-clawing is a surgical procedure that does not only involve removing a cat's claws.

"It's the equivalent of removing a knuckle off a human finger," said Duran. "Had I known that, I would have sought alternatives."

"I've lived with cats for many

years and would never dream of subjecting them to this needless, painful mutilation," said famed actress and animal welfare advocate Bea Arthur.

De-clawing is banned in Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and most of Europe, except in cases of medical necessity.

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2nd Annual St. Francis Adopt-a-thon

The Second Annual Spring Adopt-a-thon will be in our community... all in one place! held at the beautiful Franciscan Renewal Center on March 30th, brought to you by the Pets 911 Auxiliary in partnership with the Franciscan Renewal Center.

Once again, AC&C will be a prominent partner with the Scratch & Sniff Pet-mobile on site. The event will be held on the spacious East lawn of the Renewal Center, providing a serene parklike setting for the future adopters and the hopeful adoptees.

Many other animal welfare organizations will be present with a variety of loving animals hoping for new homes, and information about their respective groups. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for the public to learn about the many humane services and resources available

A get acquainted area will be set up for one on one interaction with the animals being considered for adoption. A doggie wash will be part of the fun, and refreshments will be available.

Last year, with a record crowd in attendance, over 30 animals left the event, wagging their tails, as they headed for new forever homes!

It is the goal of AC&C to surpass that goal this vear!

The Date: March 30th! The Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Place: Franciscan Renewal Center 5802 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley

Please join the Pets 911 Auxiliary and Partners and make the 2003 Adopt- a -Thon bigger and better than before! ◆

AC&C is looking for committed individuals willing to foster large breed dogs for 2-6 weeks. These dogs have gone through extensive surgery and reconstruction of fractures. They need rest, confinement, and rehabilitation. If you are interested, please contact Mary Martin at 506-7239

Campaign: AC&C Commits to Place One More, and Euthanize One Less, Every Day

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Riester-Robb is a leader in social marketing and a pet-friendly firm, where employees often bring their pets to work. The agency's mascot, George, is a dog rescued from a dumpster as a puppy. George now lives with Tim and Mirja Riester.

"Clear Channel Outdoor is very involved in local community efforts," said *Manny Molina, President of Clear Channel Outdoor*. "We are happy to be included in this worthwhile campaign." Clear Channel has committed to running the *Adopt* outdoor throughout 2003, rotating the message throughout Maricopa County for everyone to see.

Currently the boards can be seen on Central Avenue north of Turney Street; on 7th Avenue and Indian School Road; along the Black Canyon Freeway south of Colter and 24th Street just north of Harrison.

In addition to the outdoor boards, campaign posters will be placed in **Safeway** grocery stores across Maricopa County. The AC&C Pet Mobile will also be visiting Safeway stores throughout 2003.



Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Tim Riester, CEO of Riester-Robb, Manny Molina, President of Clear Channel Outdoor Advertising, Chairman Fulton Brock, and Ed Boks, AC&C Director, prepare to cut a slice of Celebration Cake (provided by Three Dog Bakery) in honor of the "Adopt" campaign launch on February 6, 2003!

"Safeway is certainly a community corner stone," said Anita Cohen, director of public affairs at Safeway. "We are proud to be involved in this effort."

The *Adopt* print creative features the furry faces of actual animals from the shelter, who have been placed in homes since the ads were produced. The images of the animals were captured by **Bob Carey Photography**. The four outdoor boards and four posters were produced by **Prisma Graphic** and **XL Graphics**. Each promotes adoption in a humorous manner. They can be viewed on the agency's website at www.riester.com.

Radio commercials will be produced as well, and will complement the print adopt message. AC&C is currently seeking other sponsors to place advertisements in newspapers and radio.

The creative was viewed at a pet and people launch party held at Riester~Robb, 802 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix. Pet guests included animals from AC&C shelters as well as the pets of Riester~Robb employees. **Three Dog Bakery** catered in special treats for a "pet buffet" including a celebration pet cake.

AC&C is the largest animal care program in the nation responsible for placing thousands of animals every year. It is a full service animal organization with shelters, adoptions, field services, licensing and many humane and education programs. Its mission is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of pets and people in Maricopa County. For more information about AC&C visit www.maricopa.gov/pets.

Clear Channel Outdoor Advertising is the largest out-of-home advertising company in the world. Clear Channel Worldwide, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, is a global leader in the out-of-home advertising and entertainment industries with radio and television stations, outdoor advertising displays, and live entertainment productions and venues throughout the US and in 65 countries internationally. For more information about Clear Channel Worldwide, please visit www.clearchannel.com.

Safeway Food & Drug is one of the largest food and drug retailers in North America. The company operates 1,793 in the United States and western Canada, with 110 stores in Arizona. Safeway is the oldest grocery chain in the state having been in business since 1928. In support of its stores, Safeway has an extensive network of distribution, manufacturing and food processing facilities. For more information about Safeway please visit www.safeway.com.

Riester~Robb offers clients a complete spectrum of integrated marketing services in brand planning and research, advertising, media planning, public relations, and interactive solutions. The agency has offices in Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Denver. Riester~Robb was named the fastest growing, privately held advertising and public relations agency in the country by Inc. Magazine four consecutive years. In 2001, Creativity Magazine listed Riester~Robb among the Top 20 Hottest Creative Agencies to Watch in America. For more information about Riester~Robb please visit www.riester.com. •



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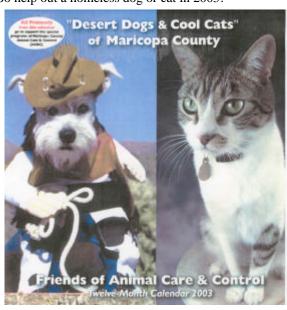
2003 Desert Dogs & Cool Cats of Maricopa County Calendar Going Fast!

There is still time to delight your family and friends with a **Desert Dogs & Cool Cats of Maricopa County calendar** - plus you'll be helping save homeless dogs and cats in Maricopa County.

The calendar features charming photos of Maricopa County dogs and cats. It is available for a purchase price of \$5 at all area PETsMART stores and at the FACCs on line retail store. Also look for AC&C logo merchandise on line at:

(www.teamshoppremiums.com/mcacc).

So help out a homeless dog or cat in 2003! •





Adopt a pet from Animal Care & Control today!
602-506-PETS www.pets.maricopa.gov